

ROAD EVENTS

Special provisions for the 2021 season

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All the measures set out in this document aim to ensure the continuity of the activities of the National Federations, the organisers, the teams and the riders in the best possible conditions of fairness and respect for the UCI Regulations while offering the necessary flexibility for everyone to get through the ongoing covid-19 crisis.

These measures apply **for all or part of the entire 2021 season only**. Any decision for the 2022 season will be taken by the UCI Management Committee and the Professional Cycling Council.

Depending on the evolution of this situation, in particular the decisions of countries' government and in the event of the cancellation of some or a large number of events for the 2021 season, the rules and procedures presented below will be subject to amendments, which will be communicated in due course.

Flexibility relating to UCI Financial Obligations

Registration fee on the UCI International Calendar

UCI International Calendar registration fees will not be required by the UCI for events which are cancelled in 2021 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

All the issued invoices will be the subject of a credit note and the payments already collected by the UCI will be credited to the organisers' account for the 2022 season. The organisers who wish to be reimbursed should send their request to accounting@uci.ch.

Participation allowances and team accommodation (2.2.009 and 2.2.010)

The following provisions do not apply to UCI WorldTour, UCI Women's WorldTour as well as Men Elite and Women Elite UCI ProSeries events.

In accordance with article 2.2.009, the organiser must pay a participation allowance to the participating teams where this is provided for in the UCI Financial Obligations. In accordance with article 2.2.010, in the case of stage races, the organiser must also book and pay for accommodation for the teams for the duration of the event.

In order to allow organisers to invite a greater number of teams than usual and thus to allow teams who have the capacity to do so to take part in these events, the following provisions apply for the 2021 season only:

- The organiser may agree, by mutual agreement and exceptionally, with the teams that so wish, a participation allowance of an amount lower than the minimum imposed by the UCI Financial Obligations. The organiser may also agree, by mutual agreement and in exceptional cases with teams who so wish, that the team will pay for its accommodation during participation in the event;
- These provisions only apply to teams invited in addition to the number of teams present at the last edition of the event.

Example: 19 teams took part in an event in 2020. In 2021, the organiser must comply with the provisions of articles 2.2.009 and 2.2.010 and the UCI Financial Obligations for a minimum of 19 teams. If the organiser wishes to invite one or more additional teams, or at the request of one or more teams, the organiser will agree with the team(s) in question on the conditions of participation and accommodation for these teams, by mutual agreement.

In all cases, the use of the entry form is obligatory and the conditions of participation, the participation fees and the conditions of accommodation agreed between the organiser and the team(s) concerned must all be included.

The maximum number of 176 riders taking part in the race must be respected.

Obligatory invitations for organisers

The provisions relating to the obligatory invitations of articles 2.1.007bis (for the UCI WorldTour and the continental circuits) and 2.13.006 (for the UCI Women's WorldTour) are maintained and will be applied as written for the 2021 season and for the 2022 season.

The provisions relating to obligatory invitations as per Article 2.14.021 relating to organisers of UCI Under 23 Nations' Cup events are maintained.

Adjustment of participation rules in events

Participation in Men Elite UCI ProSeries events of the UCI Europe Tour (2.1.005)

The number of UCI Continental Teams authorised to participate in a Men Elite UCI ProSeries event of the UCI Europe Tour will not be limited (instead of a maximum of two in the article). The organisers must ensure priority to the participation of UCI ProTeams.

Participation in the Men Elite Class 2 events of the UCI Europe Tour (2.1.005)

A maximum of four foreign UCI ProTeams may take part in a Men Elite Class 2 event of the UCI Europe Tour (instead of a maximum of two in the article). This provision applies to events taking place until the end of May 2021.

From 1 June 2021, a maximum of three foreign UCI ProTeams may take part in a Men Elite Class 2 event of the UCI Europe Tour (instead of a maximum of two in the article).

Participation in the Women Elite Class 1 and Class 2 events (2.1.005)

Organisers of Women Elite Class 1 events may invite all UCI Women's WorldTeams to participate in their event (instead of the usual maximum of 7 teams). This provision applies to events taking place until the end of May 2021.

A maximum of five UCI Women's WorldTeams may take part in a Women Elite Class 2 event for the 2021 season only (instead of a maximum of three in the article).

Flexibility of the number of riders per team on the events (2.2.002, 2.2.003, 2.13.005)

- Grands Tours

The maximum number of riders at the start of the Grand Tours is exceptionally increased to 184 instead of the usual 176. This increase of eight riders will allow the organisers to invite an additional team to their event under the "wild card" system. However, the number of riders per team at the

start of the Grand Tours remains 8 riders and the UCI financial obligations relating to the additional team will have to be met (accommodation, payment of the participation allowance, etc.).

- Other stages races of the UCI WorldTour

The number of riders per team at the start of stage races may be increased by the organiser to eight or nine riders per team instead of the usual seven. This increase cannot be to the detriment of the number of teams usually invited to the race.

The organiser must receive the agreement of the Professional Cycling Council to increase the number of riders per team from seven to eight or nine riders. Provisions of Article 2.2.003 applies only if a team starts the race with less than seven riders without valid justification.

- One-day races of the UCI WorldTour

Organisers of one-day races of the UCI WorldTour may reduce the number of riders per team to six (instead of seven riders normally) or increase the number of riders per team to eight or nine riders. However, the organiser must receive the agreement of the Professional Cycling Council to reduce the number of riders per team from seven to six or increase to eight or nine. This increase cannot be to the detriment of the number of teams usually invited to the race.

If the organiser sets the number of riders at six, the teams must start with six riders in the sense of Article 2.2.003. If the organiser sets the number of riders at seven, the teams may start with six or seven riders, without being penalised in the sense of Article 2.2.003. If the organiser sets the number of riders at eight or nine, the teams may start with nine, eight or seven riders, without being penalised in the sense of Article 2.2.003.

- Men Elite events of the UCI ProSeries, Class 1 and Class 2

Organisers may increase the number of riders per team to eight or nine riders per teams provided that this increase is not made to the detriment of the number of teams usually invited to the race.

If the organiser sets the number of riders at eight or nine, the teams may start with nine, eight, seven or six riders, without being penalised in the sense of Article 2.2.003.

In all cases, the number of riders per team must be clearly indicated in the technical guide for the event and communicated to the teams sufficiently in advance. The maximum number of 176 riders taking part in a race must be respected (except for Grand Tours).

Flexibility in the number of riders per team on events, in the case of riders confirmed during the confirmation of starters but finally not starting the race, following a positive covid-19 PCR test or if one or several riders are considered as a "high-risk exposure - contact case" of a confirmed covid-19 case (2.2.003 bis)

In the event that one or more riders confirmed during the confirmation of starters but ultimately not starting the race following a positive covid-19 PCR test or being considered as a "high risk exposure - contact case" of a confirmed covid-19 case, then the provisions of article 2.2.003 bis of the UCI Regulations will not be applied for the team concerned.

Provisions for the replacement of a rider on UCI WorldTour and UCI Women's WorldTour events in case of a positive covid-19 PCR test or being considered as a "high risk exposure - contact case" of a confirmed COVID-19 case

The provisions of the second paragraph of article 2.2.005 applicable to Grand Tours are provisionally extended to all UCI WorldTour and UCI Women's WorldTour events.

As a consequence, teams may substitute a maximum of two riders with two other riders whose names will have been previously communicated to the UCI Commissaires at the time of the confirmation of starters. The substitution may be agreed until the start of the race, subject to the agreement of the organiser, the president of the commissaires' panel of the event and the UCI Medical Director. The various agreements must be sent to the UCI Medical Director (medical@uci.ch).

The results of the PCR tests of the substitute rider(s) must be included in the document uploaded on the dedicated UCI platform the day before the event as per the [Emergency rules to be followed for the resumption of the road cycling season](#).

However, unlike Grand Tours, for the other UCI WorldTour and UCI Women's WorldTour events, the only valid medical reason for replacement shall be either a positive test or an assessment as a "high risk exposure - contact case".

Participation in national calendar events (2.1.009)

Riders belonging to a UCI team (including riders from UCI WorldTeams and UCI Women's WorldTeams) may participate in individual events in the country of their residence (country which issued their license) or the country of their nationality, without limitation in number and including the events entered on the national calendar. These provisions will apply for events outside of Europe only and the National Federations must give their agreement in addition to the prior agreement usually required from the teams. National Federation must also regulate the application of this provision for races in their country. Also, the legal provisions adopted by the countries, regarding travel restrictions or other health provisions linked to COVID-19, must be respected.

UCI Continental Teams, as well as UCI Women's Continental Teams, registered in a country outside Europe, may always take part in the events of their country's national calendar. Also, with the agreement of the National Federations concerned, these teams may participate in the events of the national calendar of a border country, without limitation.

Adjustment of the minimum requirements for events on the UCI International Calendar

Number of foreign teams at the start of the events (art. 2.1.003)

Class 2 events that fail to ensure the participation of at least five foreign teams at the start of their event will not be penalised and will not be excluded from the International Calendar for this reason.

Minimum number of teams at the start for the Men Elite UCI ProSeries events (2.2.003, 2.18.007)

The provisions relating to the minimum number of teams at the start of Men Elite UCI ProSeries events (Outside of Europe) are suspended.

Minimum number of teams at the start for the Women Elite events Outside of Europe (Appendix A of the UCI Regulations)

The provisions relating to the minimum number of teams at the start of Women Elite events for events Outside of Europe registered on the UCI Women International Calendar are suspended.

Adjustment of maximum number of riders for men's professional teams (2.15.110, 2.16.032)

For the 2021 season, UCI WorldTeams and UCI ProTeams may add 2 riders to the maximum number of riders that may be registered with the UCI in accordance with articles 2.15.110 and 2.16.032.

Any rider who is not (and has not been) registered with a UCI team for the 2021 season may be registered by a UCI WorldTeam or UCI ProTeam at any time. Any rider who is (or has been) registered with a UCI team for the 2021 season may only be registered with a UCI WorldTeam or a UCI ProTeam in accordance with the applicable provisions (articles 2.15.120 et seq., articles 2.16.041 et seq.).

This special provision does not concern the registration of trainees for whom articles 2.15.110bis and 2.16.033 remain applicable.

Note: For the 2022 season, the UCI WorldTeams and UCI ProTeams will be allowed to add one more rider to the applicable maximum number of riders.